

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD**

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

W.P.No.15455 of 2006

Dated: 27th July, 2006

Between:

D.Koteswara Rao

.. Petitioner

and

The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Vijayawada, Krishna district.

.. Respondent

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the order passed by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vijayawada in File No.A7/440/2006 dated 25.2.2006 wherein the petitioner's fair price shop No.30 of Raja Rajeshwaripeta, Vijayawada was suspended pending enquiry.

The only grievance of the petitioner is that though his authorization was suspended, no enquiry as contemplated under the

impugned order has been taken up by the authorities and till date no show cause notice was issued in this regard. The authorities cannot keep the authorization suspended for longer time without conducting any enquiry into the matter. Now, it is more than four months, no action has been initiated by the respondents, therefore, the impugned order is liable to be set aside.

Be that as it may, the suspension of authorization of the petitioner through the impugned proceedings is only pending enquiry into the allegations made therein. Of course, it is desirable that any enquiry contemplated in such matters should be completed as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months as held by this Court earlier.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on merits, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vijayawada is directed to complete the enquiry contemplated under the impugned order dated 25.2.2006 within a period of three months from today after putting the petitioner on notice and hearing him personally in this regard, if necessary. If no enquiry is completed within the said period, the authorization of the petitioner shall be restored automatically pending enquiry.

With the above observation and direction, the writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No order as to costs.

C.V.RAMULU, J

Date: 27.7.2006

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